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Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2010

I. Call to order

Colonel Stephen M. McCartney called to order the regular meeting of the Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training (POST) at 10:08 a.m. on March 5, 2010 in RIMPA-Lincoln.

II. Roll call

Colonel McCartney took a roll call. The following POST members were present: Stephen M. McCartney, Chief George L. Kelley, III, Chief Anthony Pesare, and Lieutenant Ernest Quarry, representing Colonel Brendan Doherty. Colonel McCartney noted that Mr. Driscoll was absent. Also present were Chief Anthony J. Silva, Mr. Richard B.

Woolley, Esq., Captain David Ricciarelli, Captain David DelBonis, Donna Lavallee and Ms. Sara Sticht, Curriculum Assessment Coordinator.

III. Approval of the minutes

Colonel McCartney asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting dated December 10, 2009. Chief Pesare made a motion to accept the minutes; Chief Kelley seconded the motion. After no further discussion and all in favor (4-0), the motion carries and minutes were accepted.

IV. Update on current 113th Session, 2010-I recruit class

Captain DelBonis gave an update on the current class stating they are coming up to graduation week and there will be 25 recruits graduating and there are no issues with the class.

V. Update on Class Training Officers (CTO's):

Chief Silva reported that again he just wanted to reiterate how successful this program has been. For this past recruit class, we had Officer Donald Salvatore of Cranston PD for the first five weeks and Officer Justin Hoffman from Narragansett P.D. has been with us for the past ten weeks. Chief Reynolds of N. Smithfield will be sending us an officer for the first five week of the incoming class.

VI. Update on Continuing Education

Captain Ricciarelli gave an update on the Continuing Education Calendar through June and highlighted some of the trainings that are upcoming.

VII. Report from Colonel Sullivan, Highway Safety Coordinator Colonel Sullivan could not attend today's meeting; therefore, this item has been tabled.

VIII. Report from Sara Sticht, Curriculum Assessment Coordinator
Chief Silva welcomed Sara and gave a brief introduction. Sara then
gave a brief overview of some of the curriculum she is working on
and the status of her meetings with the instructors and how
accommodating they have been with meeting with her. Chief Kelley
asked if we would be able to search a lesson plan in the future for a
specific training topic. Sara said yes and ultimately, the lesson plans
will be on a secured website. Colonel McCartney asked if any of this
would incorporate the past trainings and Chief Silva replied that that

IX. Appointments of RIMPA Adjunct Instructors

task would be virtually impossible.

Chief Silva stated that in January, an Instructor meeting was held and it was decided that all instructors who teach here at the Academy must complete an Instructor application and send it to us along with a resume for post approval. Most of these instructors had never previously applied to teach at the Academy; therefore, we have obtained an application and resume from our core instructors, especially for the high-risk courses (EVOC, Firearms, Use of Force). We are putting the list before the Board today to appoint them as Their Chiefs or Colonels needed to sign the instructors here. applications so their departments would be aware involvement here as well. The next step is that they receive Basic Level Certification within a two-year window through attending an Instructor Development training, which we will be offering to them. Chief Pesare made a motion to approve the list of instructors put before the Board and Chief Kelley seconded the motion. All in favor, 4-0, motion passed. Under discussion: Lt. Quarry asked if we would give the instruction within the two-year window to comply with the Instructor Development course to continue to teach at the Academy. Chief Silva responded that some instructors have been teaching here for years and have no Instructor Development under their belt and we will give them an opportunity to receive that certification. Lt. Quarry asked if the Director was confident that all the instructors listed on the Certification list are competent and that he would standby them. Director replied yes, all applications were reviewed. Lt. Quarry stated he would hate to give someone a blanket approval if they are not performing adequately just because they have been instructing here for four years. Given that, he stated for the record that he approves the motion to accept the list of instructors.

X. Addition of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault and SFST/Breathalyzer to final cumulative grade

Chief Silva asked that the POST approve the addition of DV/SA and Breathalyzer/SFST to be part of the recruit cumulative grade. These are two very important subject areas and they should be included. Chief Pesare asked how they are tested in these areas and Chief Silva answered written examinations and practical assessments. Chief Pesare made a motion to approve the addition of these two subjects to the recruits final grade and Chief Kelley seconded the motion. With all in favor (4-0) and no further discussion, motion carries.

X. Adjustment of recruit class schedule (additional week)

Captain DelBonis spoke on the class schedule for the recruit class, which is basically a 15 week schedule which runs from 7:30 am – 7:00 pm most days and almost every Saturday. Because of the long days and Law class coming at the end of the day, the recruits reach their comprehensive limitation. Aside from that, there is no room for flexibility. If there is a snow day or an instructor needs to cancel and re-schedule, there is virtually no room to add anything. Captain DelBonis is proposing to add an additional week, from 15 to 16 weeks, to alleviate some of the long hours and weekends. The Chief also stated it would give us a week in between classes, which is a necessity due to the heavy work load of a graduating class and in incoming class.

XI. Old Business:

There is no old business to report.

XII. New Business:

No new business

XIII. Call by POST Chair, Colonel Stephen McCartney, to convene an executive session in conformance with RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2):

Chief McCartney adjourned the meeting out of Open Session at 11:44a.m.

XIV: Adjournment:

Chief Kelley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Pesare seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30a.m.

Minutes submitted by:	Donna M. Lavallee,	Administrative Assistant